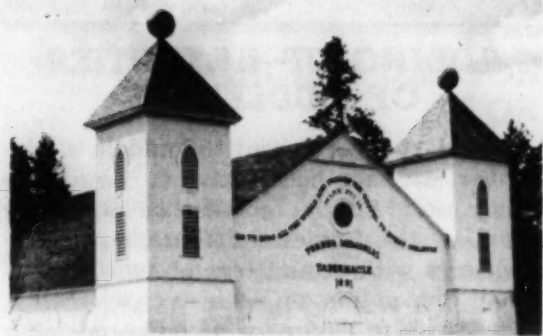




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The "Convention on Wheels"

Is Coming
Your Way



Theme: "Where the Bible
Speaks, We Act"

WESTERN OREGON TEAM

January '53

- 19 — Yamhill
- 20 — North Plains
- 21 — Astoria
- 22 — Tillamook
- 23 — Newport
- 26 — Elkton
- 27 — Winston
- 28 — Medford
- 29 — Coquille
- 30 — Creswell

The "Convention on Wheels" will tour the entire state of Oregon during the latter part of January. There will be two convention teams: one travelling the eastern half of the state and the other will tour the western half. The team in the eastern portion will be headed by Newell Morgan, new State Stewardship Evangelist, as convention speaker. The western team will be led by Alger Fitch, minister of our Milwaukie church, who will be the principal convention speaker. Other team members are yet to be selected.

The program at each "stop" will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. with simultaneous sessions of "Women's Work" and "Pentecost Plus," to be followed by a sermon by the convention speaker. A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at which time the following subjects will be presented: Northwest Christian College, Student Houses, Camp Life and State-wide Benevolent work. The evening session begins at 8:00 p.m. at which time our state missions work and the state-wide expanded program will be presented. There will be a sermon by the convention speaker, followed by a sacrificial offering. This is an attempt to bring the convention to you and we hope each church and Christian in the state will share in this program. Plan to attend the convention nearest you.

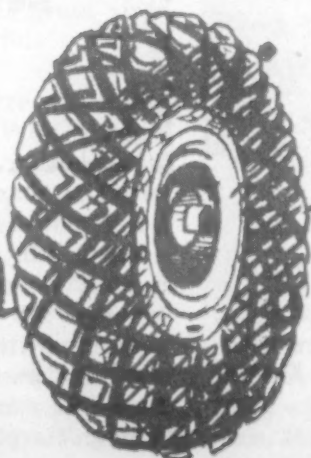
EASTERN OREGON TEAM

- 19 — Milwaukie
- 20 — Mill City
- 21 — Prineville
- 22 — Burns
- 23 — Ontario
- 24 — Baker
- 25 — Wallowa
- 26 — Athena
- 27 — Mosier
- 28 — Liberty
- 29 — Harrisburg
- 30 — West Side (Eugene)



Roll'n Along Together
In Oregon
During

1953





EDITOR
SPEAKS

RALPH C. NEILL



ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

Since last report about the middle of November, we have been active in the following work: Special conference with the elders of the Englewood Church in Portland; met with committees of the International Convention on local arrangements; made a trip to Dufur for a conference with Harry Atkins on our future evangelism program in the state; supplied at the Southeast Church in Portland on November 23 while their pastor was away in a meeting; attended the Portland Council of Churches annual choir festival.

I met with the registration committee for the International Convention; drove to Eugene and attended a meeting of the Christian Student Foundation committee; attended and participated in the special day called by the State Board for presenting the challenge of an enlarged program in Oregon at the Court Street Church in Salem; spent Thanksgiving Day in Spokane with my mother in her celebration of her 90th birthday.

I departed the night of November 28 for St. Louis, Missouri, to attend the Home and State Missions Planning Council and the annual meeting of the Association of State Secretaries. Spent Sunday December 7 in Kansas City, Missouri and attended worship at the Country Club Christian Church. Stopped off three days in Denver enroute home to attend the Biennial meeting of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. I found both the meetings in St. Louis and at Denver very inspiring and helpful. We could see the real spirit of unity and democracy at work in the life of the church.

On December 14 I preached at Seaside for the morning service and Rockaway at the evening service. I shared in the dedication of the remodeled Community Hall at First Christian Church, Portland; met with the committee setting up the program for the Convention on Wheels. Since last "addition", spent six days in the office with several office conferences.

JANUARY 20

News and Picture

Deadline

NOTICE

There will be a "Life of Trust" conference at Harmony Lodge the week end of January 30. Conference leaders will be Teddy Leavitt, Ivan Correll and Harold Lyman. Accommodations are limited to 40. Everyone invited! Make reservations through Harold Lyman.



One of our beloved ministers in the state, Dr. E. R. Moon, minister at our Springfield church, is the author of a new and exciting book, "I Saw Congo." We who have heard Dr. Moon tell of his experiences in the Congo know something of what to expect in the book and the story unfolds in simple, direct, but beautiful language as he takes us back through fifteen years that he and Mrs. Moon spent in Africa.

One minister remarked recently that "when Dr. Moon stands before an audience and begins to speak, it is almost as if he has stepped right out of the Bible." This spirit of love, kindness and humility is also manifest in "I Saw Congo." One cannot help but have a better understanding of the people of the Congo and the problems involved in changing their lives after reading the thrilling stories from the Congo land.

We all know and love Dr. Moon; we have all heard of our mission work in the Congo; yet, we can sense a greater responsibility for the work there after reading "I Saw Congo."

The pulse of the book can be felt in the closing words of Dr. Moon's book. He says, "God still speaks as he did to Isaiah in the temple, 'Who will go for us?' And loyal souls still respond, 'Here am I, send me.'"

For a more intimate glimpse into the personality of Dr. Moon and of our Congo work buy and read your copy of "I Saw Congo" soon. Churches are urged to add Dr. Moon's book to their libraries.



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FINANCING OREGON'S NEW STATE PROGRAM FOR CHRIST

—By Orville F. Mick

EDITOR'S NOTE: Orville Mick, minister at the church at Dallas is chairman of the Finance Committee of our State Board. Other members of this committee include Alger Fitch, Milwaukie; Chester Farr, Coos Bay; Lyle Nösler, Portland; O. L. Soule, Portland; Orrin Fraley, Portland; Ansel Hyland, Eugene; and William Siefke, Eugene. Mr. Mick has prepared the following article as a means of informing our people in Oregon of the financial need of the enlarged forward program—and how this need can be met.

The voice of the "Concerned" has spoken; a new program of State Evangelism and Education has been prayerfully formed under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

To pray is essential; to plan is necessary; but to get the plans materialized is quite another thing. If God has helped us in the planning, He will help us in working the plan. We walk not alone in Oregon.

How are we going to finance this program, someone has asked? As stated in the last issue of the Oregon Christian, those present at the Court Street Christian Church on November 25th, Spirit-filled, unanimously voted to accept a new budget of \$65,647.00, then backed it up with an offering of \$740.00.

656 — HERE IS HOW — 656

We only need six hundred and fifty-six (656) individuals and churches giving one hundred dollars each, and the greater Oregon program for Christ is on the move! At least ten new churches will start springing into existence with many others to follow, and two new State workers will start across the State to bring new spiritual life to the churches . . . and it is needed!

Thus we have 656 units of one hundred dollars each. Of this amount, 62 units have already been taken and paid for (the amount already given since July 1st). If your church annually gives, say \$350 to State work, why not you as a church accept four units of this 656? But suppose some individual in that same church wishes to give one unit and have his church receive the credit for the gift? Why certainly he can, and then his local church has accepted five units instead of four. In other words, the individual gifts are accredited to the church if desired, but are not applied on the church's obligation. We need a great number of such individual gifts. Would it be putting it extremely low to say that there at least 500 of our people in this great state who would give \$100 each this year to launch this program?

The question in all this is, are we aiming big enough for God's work? With a State flooded with new people and more coming, with only a 23 per cent estimate of Christians among them, this constitutes great church possibilities in Oregon. The denominational churches seem to have found it out sooner than we did. In the last few months the Methodist Church launched a drive to gather one million dollars from the four Northwestern states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. A month

ago they reported that their goal was 85% secured. Of this amount Oregon had a goal of \$400,000.00, of which three-fourths had been raised. It becomes more interesting when you recall that the Methodists are only slightly numerically stronger in the State than we are. As a church, we are afraid to talk money, and as laymen we don't like to hear it. But the fact is, we

can't build the Kingdom without it. We must change our thinking and practice NOW in this matter— or remain near static and become of little force in a State where we once thrived and predominated, and our New Testament plea for Christian unity will go unheeded. It is time we say—"Where the Bible speaks, WE ACT!"

FIRST—We need 500 individuals taking one \$100 unit or more of this 656.

SECOND—Let the Churches (157 of them) take as many units of the 656 as possible.

THIRD—Get Bible School classes to accept a whole unit, or a third, or a half, or fourth.

Really, the answer to all church financial problems is the tithe given by every Christian. GOD'S MONEY IS IN OUR POCKETS — GET IT OUT AND USE IT!



Above is pictured a portion of those who attended the State Board and Committees Planning Retreat at Menucha recently where the enlarged program of missions, evangelism and new churches for Oregon was born.



Shown above are several members of The State Board which met on the afternoon of the now historic meeting at Court Street Christian Church in Salem on November 25, 1952, when the enlarged state program and vision was inaugurated. State Board chairman, Harold Lyman, is presiding.



The Northwest Christian College Quartet is pictured above. Left to right: Eugene Cecil, sophomore from Sacramento, California, second tenor; Richard Osburn, freshman from Lebanon, Oregon, bass; R. William Bankenship, freshman from Milton-Freewater, Oregon, baritone; and Lowell Messley, freshman from Buhl, Idaho, first tenor. This quartet will be appearing in various churches and before many church gatherings during the coming months.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Northwest Christian College students, whether from Oregon or some other state, have taken seriously the program of advance within the churches of the state. They also are enthusiastic about the establishment of new congregations. And this is not all just talk.

At the December meeting of the Student Body of N.C.C., a campaign was launched to raise \$500 toward the establishment of new congregations. Rather than give through the College, they arranged that identifiable gifts should be made through the congregations where they worship.

The original goal proved to be entirely too low for the optimism, enthusiastic support and financial ability of the students. So, as of December 17th, \$1180.00 had either been given or pledged to this project. No doubt the total will go much higher.

If a few more than 300 students in school, most of them earning part or all of their own way, can do this much, what can the other more than thirty thousand Christians of our Oregon churches do?

Dates for the Louisa F. Kellems Fellowship, sponsored by the women of Northwest Christian College is scheduled for February 10, 11 and 12, 1953. The women make of this a high point in the activities of the year. It adds much to the cultural development of all concerned. Former students and alumni are welcome back to the campus to participate in the activities of this period.

The opening days of the Winter Term, which began as of January 5, saw the enrollment of a number of new students at

N.C.C. As always, a few found it necessary to drop out at the close of the fall term, hence the total number on campus is about the same as during the fall term when 344 enrolled.

Northwest Christian College has been asked by The Christian-Evangelist to recommend some students to assist in the production of the "Convention Daily" next July 4-9, when the International Convention meets in Portland. Recommendations have been made of some who are preparing for Christian Journalism.

As usual at Northwest Christian College, the Faculty and Staff were made aware of the world outreach of the institution when Christmas cards and greetings came in from many distant lands. Included were Pago Pago, India, Africa, Japan, Hong Kong, South America and all areas of the U.S.A.

The annual Religious Education Practicum is scheduled for March 2-14, 1953. At the time of writing this the full faculty had not been arranged but suffice it to say that the usual standards will be maintained. While this Practicum is to give N.C.C. students training under supervision to teach in Bible Schools, it is open to those not now on campus who will enroll for the course and spend the two weeks in training. The cost, in addition to living costs, is just the usual tuition fee of \$4.25 per credit hour. Two hours of college credit may be earned. For further information write to Northwest Christian College, Eleventh and Alder, Eugene, Oregon.



O. A. Cooper

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE SELECTED

Oscar A. Cooper, former Oregon and Washington pastor, began his duties as Field Representative for Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton the last week in November. He replaces Ray C. Smith, who resigned the position earlier in the fall.

Mr. Cooper attended Eugene Bible University and the University of Oregon, receiving his A.B. and B.O. degrees from E. B. U. He held student pastorates at Carlton, Canby and Beaverton for two years each. He has held pastorates in Washington for 23 years, including Zillah, Waitsburg, Spokane, Vancouver and Seattle. He was also minister at Grangeville, Idaho for one year.

While in Washington, Mr. Cooper was active in the State work there, having served as president of the State Convention and Convention Program Chairman, and served several terms on the State Board. In addition, he directed Intermediate Camps for eight years, served on the faculty of Young Peoples Conference for several years, and was Director of the West Washington Adult Conference for six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, whose son, Kenneth, is attending Willamette University, are living at 6836 N. Albina Avenue, Portland 17, Oregon.

Work is something that when we have it we wish we didn't; when we don't have it we wish we did, and the object of most of it is to be able to afford not to do any some day."

THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

—By Mrs. Clarence Elliott

The surprise birthday reception given Dr. Victor P. Morris which was reported in the last issue of The Oregon Christian, was a great success with more than 250 persons attending. Alumni and present students presented to Dr. Morris a beautiful large brass planter for the window of his new office in the new School of Business at the University of Oregon. The other members of the Christian House Board presented to the House a large movable worship center in honor of Dr. Morris.

A meeting of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation was held in the Student Union Building at the University of Oregon on November 24 with Gene Robinson of La Grande presiding. Great progress was made toward a plan for financing the buildings and program of student work in Oregon. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Northwest Preachers' parliament in Eugene in January, when Leighton Dashiell, of Dallas, chairman of the Friends-of-Christian-House program, will present details of that project.

The Corvallis House has completed re-decorating its basement recreation room, adding a "snack bar" and other needed features. At the annual Christmas Dessert held at the church, December 13, 53 students were present. The Roger Williams Fellowship of the Baptist church were guests. The dessert is given by the students for the adult commission which supervises the House.

The Eugene House emphasized "Peace on earth" during the pre-Christmas season. At a church service led by the students, Godfrey Ibom of Nigeria, Elias Lavi of Iran, June Nakada of Japan and Gerry Vandoren, Seattle, representing America, spoke on "Things for which America Should Be Thankful." Early in December, the second International Dinner was held. Said Nehorayan of Teheran, Iran, was chairman of a seven-course Persian dinner.

The talent show "Hobos' Holiday" will be given by the Eugene group on Friday, January 23, in the Condon School auditorium. If you are in the Eugene area that night, plan to attend. John King is general chairman.

Four delegates from Eugene and one from Corvallis attended the United Student Christian Council study conference at Stanford University, December 27-January 2. They are Jolene Hoppe of Eugene, representing Corvallis; Mitzi Asai, Hood River; John King, Nampa, Idaho; Orville Carroll, Sisters; and Wah Chun, Honolulu, representing the Eugene Christian House. The subjects of study are The Christian Student and the University . . . the Church . . . and the World Struggle.



Dr. Victor P. Morris

A sullen looking man came into a restaurant and gave the waitress his order.

"Bring me a cup of weak coffee, two eggs half fried, three slices of burnt toast, and a bowl of wheat flakes with sour milk."

"Are you kidding?" asked the waitress.

"No, I'm not kidding. I mean it." replied the man.

When she returned with the order, she said, "Anything else?"

"Yes," was the surly reply, "now sit down and nag at me while I eat. I'm homesick."

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Word has come recently of the drouth that has struck at one of our Negro schools, Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi. President Long reports: "Four of our deep ponds are dry . . . There is nothing in the gardens . . . cattle are poor and provide little meat . . . milk is scarce . . . Actually there is very little to hope for in the way of income from the farm this year." S.C.I. students come mostly from Mississippi farms which have also been hit by the drouth. They have no money. President Long expects food shortages to grow more serious. The school needs food for 130 students. This is one of our Home Mission institutions for which we are responsible. Do you have something you can share, - potatoes, or other vegetables, fruits? Watch for a definite announcement as to a way of getting it there for the least possible cost. We must do something about this need.

Several on the Christian Women's Fellowship state board have moved within the last two or three months; the addresses on the letterhead are incorrect. Please note these new addresses:

Mrs. Ralph Cook, Worship chairman, 1901 East Main, Medford, Oregon.

Mrs. Hugh Ping, treasurer, Rt. 1, Box 156B, Sherwood, Oregon.

Mrs. Paul Holloway, secretary, District 2, 1120 N. 15th, Salem, Oregon

Mrs. V. D. McCauley, Secretary District 3, 2318 A St., Forest Grove, Oregon

Mrs. Vern Bailey, secretary, District 6, has resigned and moved to California. Her place is being taken by Mrs. Dor-

othy Johnson, 60 Morse St., Ashland, Oregon.

Letters of Christmas greeting were received from Adele Bower, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. Mary Pollard, Takutpur, India; Ruth Kinney, Pendra Road, India; Kenneth and Grace Hendricks, Tokyo, Japan. These missionaries are known to many of you so they asked that their greetings be passed on to you. The staff at the Missions building also sent greetings and best wishes. Your work in behalf of the world wide mission field is much appreciated.

The women of the Rockaway church, John Frink, pastor, held a planning conference on Friday, December 11, to complete their plans for the coming six months, so far as organization, program and outreach are concerned. They decided to become a Christian Women's Fellowship in activity and program as well as in name. Mrs. Edith Davis is the wide awake president of this group.

Of interest to all of us who know Mrs. Edna Whipple Gish is this news story out of Thailand: This year provided a most excellent opportunity for the Thailand Mission to become known to the whole brotherhood through eyes of convention visitors. The World Convention of the Disciples of Christ held in Melbourne, Australia, has brought delegates from 29 countries from half way around the world. Coming direct from the Melbourne convention, a total of 48 persons made their way to Nakon Pathom to visit our work.

FIELD VISITOR

The Board of Church Extension has advised that William T. Percy, its executive secretary, will be in Oregon and the Northwest the latter part of March for visits among the churches on building problems. Any congregation desiring a conference at this time should write Mr. Percy immediately—222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana—and he will do his best to include such requests in his schedule.

The Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ held its regular meeting November 19, 1952 for the purpose of receiving reports of work during September and October.

Highlights of these reports indicated the following:

1. 107 outstanding grant loans.
2. Staff services showing 186 field visitations.
3. 23 regular loans totaling \$219,880.91 and 3 interest-free loans totaling \$8,500.00 were closed during September and October.
4. During September and October \$167,552.-08 was received in trust fund deposits. This brings to 252 the number of church and personal trust funds with the total invested in such funds, as of October 31, being \$2,269,-615.05.



Bob Griffeth, right above, and Pierre Van Rysselberghe, left, are shown examining method of transportation which took them on their two month tour of Western Europe last summer.

A BICYCLIST'S EYE-VIEW OF EUROPE

—By Bob Griffeth

Editor's Note: Bob Griffeth is the son of Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, president, Northwest Christian College, Eugene. He is presently attending the University of Oregon and Northwest Christian College.

One rainy, wind-swept morning during the second week of last September, my companion and I pulled our bicycles to a halt in front of the baggage master's office on the Holland-America Line's pier in Rotterdam. The weather was echoing my feelings for the end of that short ride signaled the completion of a two month three thousand mile long tour by bike through eight countries in Western Europe. In that short space of time Pierre, my travelling companion for the summer, and I had seen, met and talked with hundreds of French, Dutch, Italian, Swiss, Belgian and German people. Through constant discourse with these people I had been able to form some ideas and gather a little information on a subject more often than not misunderstood; our relation to Europe in respect to their politics, culture, and, most important, religion.

The shabby appearance that we presented, our tattered biking habits and our untrimmed hair, in many cases broke barriers of conversation that might otherwise have existed between peoples of two different nations. On every occasion that presented itself, whether it was in a small French pastry shop, a crowded third class railway compartment or possibly with a hotel proprietor, we asked questions about things we wished to know such as politics, and in turn we attempted to answer any questions directed our way concerning similar things in America; many of which, might be added, were at times embarrassing. Numerous cases could be related where we lingered just a little bit longer in order to chat with someone.

Generally, I found Europe's recovery from World War II was progressing as rap-

idly as could be expected. Reconstruction was the main theme everywhere. For example the case of Rotterdam, Holland; in February of 1941 while the Dutch were negotiating an armistice with Hitler the German Luftwaffe flew over that great European port city, the world's second largest, and dropped its lethal bombs, completely destroying two square miles of the downtown business section. Since that time, a modern, well planned metropolitan center has been springing up Phoenix-like from the onetime ocean of rubble. This same spirit of rebuilding we found to be the case wherever we went in Western Europe, except in such very badly destroyed sections as the German industrial area of the Saar Basin. From the best observations I found, by speaking with others who had traveled over different parts of Europe and from what I saw myself, the conclusion could well be drawn that with the help of foreign aid monies coupled with their own initiative, Europe is developing a much sounder economy in this reconstruction than was the case after World War I.

The trends of the church after the war appeared to be a different matter entirely. In every single European country Roman Catholicism has been gaining in a phenomenal proportion. Switzerland, Holland and Belgium will within the next ten years have substantial Catholic majorities with Germany becoming increasingly so but at not quite so fast a rate. Already solid Catholic France and totally Catholic Italy (99.1%) are feeling the postwar effects of their religion. As I observed it, the policy of the Vatican in each one of these countries varies; in highly progressive Holland, Switzerland and Belgium it presents a more moder-

ate air in respect to dictating its policies, more as one would find it in the United States. The Catholic trend in France is, as it has been for the past 150 years, closely tied to the people but not restrictive in telling them what they must do. The truly unfortunate situation exists in Italy; Catholicism is keeping—and in its present program will continue to keep—Italy's eighty-three million people materially stunted in respect to progress as viewed with an eye on the other European countries. It could be said that the thinking of the Italian commoner is a century or two behind the rest of the world.

Yet, throughout my summer's journeying there was one impression that to me shone out above all the rest. Everyone, in all the countries we visited including such former enemies as Germany, was willing to talk things over with us and was eager and willing to help us in any way. Friendliness and understanding are two things that no religious, political or cultural differences can shatter. This is what I prefer to remember about Europe and her people.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

New services for local churches are being offered by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Joint University Library, Nashville 4, Tennessee, according to Claude E. Spencer, Curator of the Society. These services include help in preparing church histories and in planning anniversary celebrations. Packets of local church histories and programs of anniversary celebrations may be borrowed from the Society.

Other services are the furnishing of reading lists on requested subjects and answering specific questions concerning brotherhood history and activities. Mail questions will receive the same attention as requests in person.

Files of church bulletins, orders of worship, periodicals, reports, programs, pictures and other materials are kept by the Society, which requests that all churches place its name on their mailing lists. The Society also provides a safe place for the keeping of original church record books and now has a considerable number. The most recently received are those of the Central Christian Church of Huntington, W. Va.

Churches are urged to become congregational members of the Society at an annual fee of from \$10 to \$50, depending on the size of its membership. Representatives are wanted in each church who will be constantly on the alert for ways in which the church may use the facilities of the Society.

A brochure, **Local Churches and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society**, that describes more fully how the Society can help the local church, is available on request.

WEDDING DAY—When a man's mother quits getting breakfast for him and he starts getting his own.

Pentecost Plus

The State Evangelism Committee has chosen one of its members, Ross Griffeth, to serve as local leader for the coming state-wide Bayne Driskill campaign. The following information has been prepared by him. This and future articles will appear in The Oregon Christian until the close of the campaign in April.

Questions are regularly raised as to whether those who come into the fellowship of the church during a period of visitation evangelism continue to be active in the work of the church.

This question is answered by experience as discovered through a number of studies. If the congregation follows through on the program of conservation, the new members become active and do share fully in the work of the church. If the congregation ignores the new members, they naturally feel they are not welcome and so drop out.

But this is a common experience. New members do not continue in the fellowship regardless of the circumstances under which they come unless the congregation has a vital program. We have only Year Book figures as a guide, but here are some from days past. In 1943-44 there were reported 2,853 additions to Oregon congregations yet there was reported a net loss in membership of 732. In 1945-46, the report shows 3,375 additions and a net gain of 67. In 1947-48 the total additions were reported at 3,666 and the net gain as 1,329.

This brings us back to the over-all goal this year. It is a net 10% increase in membership. This means that the aim is to win and keep those who are now outside the fellowship of the church.

The first area in which the visitation week and decision day for Pentecost Plus is to be carried through is the greater Portland area. Every day sees the plans for this carried forward. Since it is the local congregation that benefits immediately and all the work is being done to the glory of God, all can join in this comprehensive evangelism program in all good conscience.

The second area for the visitation activities and decision day is to be Lane County (Eugene) and neighboring congregations.

Also, student points are being urged to make use of this period for visitation and decision time.

Dates set are:

Portland area —

Visitation begins March 22

Decision Day on March 29

Lane County area —

Visitation begins March 29

Decision Day on April 5 (Easter)

If your congregation has not yet joined in the Pentecost Plus program, get in at once. All goals should be set by the end of January. While prospects continue to accumulate, it is always time to visit and cultivate prospects. By February 28 each con-

gregation should have majors picked for visitation teams, goals set for departments, and cultivation continued.

If you need supplies, they can be had by writing to Pentecost Plus, % Northwest Christian College, Eleventh and Alder, Eugene, Ore.

If all the school kids who sleep in class were placed end to end they would be much more comfortable.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Ed Dewees

Don Cox, minister of the Central Christian Church of Portland, was the guest speaker for the Northwest District Ninety and Nine rally on November 24 at the Kern Park Christian Church. Program features were provided by members of the Parkrose church. Attendance was good despite a wintry east wind sweeping across the city. In the business session reports were given on visitation campaigns across the state and special attention was called to the district sponsorship of a series of youth meetings for Christian church young people in the greater Portland area. Claire Martin of the host church was the genial greeter at the door of the dining hall and the Kern Park ladies provided a very excellent dinner. Hillsboro will entertain the next rally on January 26.

South Willamette Ninety and Niners met at Crabtree for their November 24 rally with 55 men present. Elmer Newton, state president, was a visitor and gave reports and objectives of the state work. Lawrence Bixler of N.C.C. and minister at Creswell was the special speaker for the evening.

Woodburn was the host church for the North Willamette District Ninety and Nine rally on December 15. Seven churches were represented by 45 men on the roll call tally sheet and announcement bulletin provided by the district officers. Woodburn men led in the count with 13 present. Elmer Newton and your reporter were visiting state officers attending the rally and provided the reports and future needs of the state program. Harry Vetter, new district president, presented tentative plans for the district with a list of dates and places suggested by the district cabinet for the balance of the year. The schedule was adopted by the men. Scripture and a devotional thought were presented by Mr. Wright, president of Salem Court Street men, followed by prayers by several of the group. Abe Friesen

1952 YEAR BOOK IS AVAILABLE

The new 1952 Year Book will be off the press this month. It is a fascinating story of the Christian Churches and their agencies during the past year.

Now here is a chance for everyone to actually see the total picture. It is interesting and most certainly worth your ordering a copy. This is a practical volume which can be used by all committees and organizations of the church life.

See to it that your Church has several copies available. It has taken five months and the cooperation of thousands to properly compile the information in this book. You should take advantage of this opportunity. Make this book a MUST! Drop a card to the International Convention Office, 516 K of P Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

brought a special solo preceding the closing message by Harold Lyman, minister of the Court Street church. Lynnton Elwell of Monmouth led singing and Johnny Middlemiss of Silverton began his duties as district pianist.

The concluding visitation campaign on the Ninety and Nine calendar for 1952 was held at Seaside beginning November 30. Only a few members were available for calling during the week marked by the first full fledged storm of the winter, but on the Decision Sunday there were 9 responses with 3 adults being added by baptism. Others who had given decisions to transfer membership were expected at a later date.

State treasurer Elmer Patterson reports income of \$1674.99 from October 17 through November 30. Of this, \$275.00 came in from churches where visitation campaigns were held and \$296.00 was for the Bethel MMM call. At least \$745.00 had come in from purchasers of "Shares in Kingdom Building." Wallet size receipt coupons are being given to all who are using this means of sharing in the operating budget for the state Ninety and Nine program. If you have not received the receipt coupons in your church you may get them by contacting your district officers or by writing to Elmer Patterson at 594 14th Ave. East, Eugene, Oregon. Readers of this column will be glad to know that Mrs. Patterson, who suffered a broken hip in November, is able to be at home and get about in a wheel chair at this writing.

Men of the Sellwood Christian Church in Portland held an oyster feed on December 17 and heard an inspirational message by Elmer Newton. Following the message a business meeting was held and the local Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood was organized with Hal Bradley as president. Wm. Pysher is the minister of the Sellwood church.

DIRECT-SUPPORT MISSIONS

—By Rozelle Henry

Tibbs Maxey, President, College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Kentucky, announces the appointment of Edwin Hyatt as field representative for this school. The accomplishments of this college in negro evangelism merit wider support from the churches. During the seven years of its operation, 63 have earned credits, with 9 degrees awarded. At the present time 20 churches are being served by students or former students of the college. The five who received degrees in 1952 are ministering to 10 churches. New literature with pictures of the faculty, workers and student activities is available. Write: The College of the Scriptures, Box 1677, Louisville, Kentucky.

Offerings for the cost of this direct-support missionary news column should be sent to: Mrs. Rozelle S. Henry, 1411 Walnut St., Eugene, Oregon. Checks may be made payable to Oregon Christian Direct-Support Missionary News, or the editor, Mrs. Henry. Each issue of 11 column-inches costs \$22.00 for space. The offerings for 1952 lack \$80 of paying for the cost. Interested churches might include this item in their 1953 budget, as well as individuals.

Harold Cole's December newsletter entitled "Chunks from the Cole Bin" reports their furlough activities since arrival in the States on May 16. Speaking engagements took them to 17 states, in 236 churches, 2 conventions, 4 missionary rallies, 7 Bible colleges, and 4 youth camps.

It appears more and more evident that there is a direct connection between the increasing numbers of recruits preparing for direct-support mission fields and the missionary speakers bringing a message direct from the field to our young people. The combined efforts of missionary messages, increased attendance at missionary

conferences and camps where missionaries are featured, with the wider publicity to missions has challenged not only more youth but many experienced ministers to evangelize on the mission fields.

The year 1953 brings many well-known missionaries to the States for furlough who have served five years or more on various fields. Among them are Harlan and Emeline Woodruff, Okinawa (arriving early February); Guy Humphries and daughter, Africa (arriving for 90 days only); Guy Mayfield returned from chaplaincy in Japan to prepare to re-enter Italy. Other missionary families yet in the states on furlough are: Ben Schiller, India; Harold Coles, Japan; J. Russell Morse, Burma; David H. Rees, Burma; Miss Marian Smith, India (returned in November for medical care of her mother, Mrs. Emma Schaefer), William Rolland, India. Addresses for these may be obtained from the 1953 Missionary Handbook or from this writer.

To present the work of the increasing number of missionaries on the field as well as those recruits leaving soon, the 1953 Missionary Handbook is being increased to 40 pages and is listing the suggested missionary lessons for each month. A News Supplement bringing airmail news from missionaries was distributed free in December to allow additional use of the fine reports sent by the missionaries for the Handbook. Two more NEWS SUPPLEMENTS will be published this year. The Handbook price is again 50c and the two supplements will be 50c. Send one dollar for your Handbook and Supplement subscriptions to MISSIONARY HANDBOOK, 1411 Walnut St., Eugene, Oregon.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE PLANNED

The fourth annual Northwest Direct-Support Missionary Conference will convene at Central Christian, Portland, February 26-27th. J. Russell Morse will bring the keynote address Thursday evening on the theme "Our Hearts Desire—That They May Be Saved."

Donald S. Cox, General Chairman, announces other main addresses will be given by: Harlan Woodruff, Okinawa, Tibbs Maxey, President, College of the Scriptures; Ben Schiller, India; and Earl Downing, Ashland, Oregon.

The Missionary Banquet will feature the colored pictures taken by William Jessup on his recent trip to Japan. A panel discussion, "Implementing New Testament Missions in the Local Church" will be given on Education by Emeline Woodruff; Organization, by Dallas Meserve; Inspiration, by Mrs. W. O. Ganger, and Perpetuation, by Franklin J. Smith. Ivan Correll is to be song leader.

A display for each mission field represented will be set up in the Educational Building and a Missionary Tour will be scheduled for Friday afternoon. All direct-support missionaries are invited to send literature and materials for this feature of the conference.

This annual conference has previously been held in Eugene, having originated from the Missionary Banquet of the evening missionary group at Fairmount Church of Christ. Through the cooperative efforts of seven churches in the Eugene area it outgrew the accommodations of the Fairmount Church and last year 823 were registered for the conclave held at the Eugene Armory. It is being held in Portland this year to give the churches in the Portland area and Washington a better opportunity to participate.

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CHURCH ADDS TO STAFF

Lucille Parker, a graduate of Northwest Christian College, class of '52, is now employed by the Hillsboro Christian Church as Church Secretary and Director of the Junior High Department. Her home church was the First Christian Church, Fullerton, California. She received a Bachelor of Theology, majoring in a ministerial course. While in college she served in the First Christian Church in Eugene as Sunday school teacher and directed the Junior church for about 2½ years. Then she helped in the church at Mabel, directing the Junior church and serving as pianist. She began her work at the Hillsboro church the first of October.



Lucille Parker

International Convention

The Portland Convention Committee with A. W. Mørtensen as General Chairman, swung into action with a set-up meeting last November 20. Twenty different committees have been appointed to attend to details both in preparation for the convention and to keep Western hospitality functioning fully during the Convention.

Hubert E. Sias, pastor of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland, is Chairman of the Registration Committee. The total goal for the Northwest States is 4,000. Of this number, Oregon plans to provide 2,100. A Registration Secretary is being appointed in each congregation. All registrations in Oregon are to be sent to Hubert E. Sias, care of Mallory Avenue Christian Church, 126 N. E. Alberta, Portland. Registration supplies became available about the middle of January.

Under the chairmanship of Myron Cole, pastor, First Christian Church, Portland, plans are being made to place at least four hundred of our visiting ministers in various churches of the Northwest. These visiting ministers will have exceptional opportunities to speak from the pulpits of various communions and thus help them to understand just who we are and what our purpose and distinctive position is in the Christian world. Dr. Cole will appreciate your help in getting our preachers in these

various pulpits.

The 1953 International Convention is to be a family convention. Oma Lou Myers is in charge of a special project whereby the children will be given instruction and a significant place in the Convention.

As always, the high point of the Convention will be the great Communion service. With the Lord's table spread in accordance with our custom, all Christians will be invited to participate. This should easily become the largest communion service in point of attendance ever to be held in the Northwest.

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If thou would only love me, Lord,
As thou would love a tree,
And let me stand beneath thy care
And lift mine eyes to thee.
Or would thou love me as a rose,
A flower scented sweet,
And let me grow with tender care
At Jesus' blessed feet.
Oh love me Lord, just as I am,
Unworthy of thy care.
Look down on me with heavenly grace,
Accept my humble prayer.

—Jack Naff, Eugene

Around The State With The Churches

SEASIDE: Edwin Dewees with Seaside Christian Church from November 30 to December 4 in visitation evangelistic program. Church will cooperate in "3000 plus" program at Easter time. 3 added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Chas. H. Lemmex, minister. **ASHLAND:** 5 added by baptism, 7 otherwise during the evangelistic meeting with W. W. White. New oak pews placed in sanctuary during November. Earl F. Downing, minister.

GLIDE: Work on the parsonage has gone forward and the roof was completed before the rains came. Additional wiring for electric heaters and lights in the church has been started. A young people's choir has been organized and is singing each Lord's Day. Christmas program given December 21; Royal Gardner, minister. **PARKROSE:** Church parking problem being improved by enlarging parking area around church. Board voted to raise money for a new addition to the church and plans are to begin building in the spring. The new 1953 budget has increased mission giving from 10% to 15% of the budget. One added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Dallas Meserve, minister.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: Top Bible school attendance was 85 on November 23. Annual church bazaar was a success. Christmas program set for December 23. Building fund for prospective auditorium making steady growth. Mrs. Anna Cook, wife of minister Frank L. Cook, has been ill and in the hospital but is slowly improving. 4 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. **HALFWAY:** Eldon Wiidanen, minister, reports one added by baptism December 14. **BURNS:** Bible School has been running above 175 in December. Christian Women's Fellowship has finished kitchen bought two new electric

stoves and redecorated the downstairs dining hall. 3 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Len B. Fishback, minister.

LIBERTY-SALEM: Men are redecorating the interior of church and making some classroom improvements. Youth work is growing under leadership of more adult advisors. 2 added by baptism. John J. Myers, minister. **SELLWOOD-PORTLAND:** A banquet for MEN only, followed by an oyster feed held December 17 with 22 in attendance. Brother Newton, president of Ninety and Nine, gave an interesting talk. Local men's Ninety and Nine group was organized with Hal Bradley elected as president and P. L. Buroker, secretary and treasurer. Regular monthly meetings will be held and the group will also constitute a Men's Bible Class in the Sunday School. There has been 88 additions since beginning of ministry of W. M. Pysher.

ROSEBURG: Preparing for revival with Willie White, January 4-25. Provided choir director, organist and a number of singers for community choir which presented Messiah to capacity crowd, December 14. Bible School average for the year—448. 7 added by baptism, 7 otherwise. R. V. Kleinfeldt, minister. **SPRINGFIELD-MT. VERNON:** Sunday school attendance increasing. Barrel of canned food taken to Beaverton Home. Work progressing on church building. Have designated funds to the new program for building churches. 4 added by baptism, 4 otherwise.

MYRTLE POINT: Work continues to improve heating system. New tables for the social room will soon be under construction. Church presented Christmas Cantata December 21. Two added by baptism. Bob McDonald, minister. **MOLALLA:** D. D. Priest supplying past 3 months from his

home in Hubbard. Attendance growing at all services. 7 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. **KERN PARK-PORTLAND:** Observing Christmas with two old fashioned programs. Participating are the choir, children and adults with vocal and instrumental numbers. George Whipple, minister, attended Home State Missions Planning Council in St. Louis December 2-4 as representative for Oregon from the State convention. Ten elders from Kern Park attended elders conference in Hillsboro. Plans underway to help meet the enlarged state budget and program coming from the Salem Rally. 4 added by baptism, 1 by statement. Mrs. L. H. Fishburn, reporter.

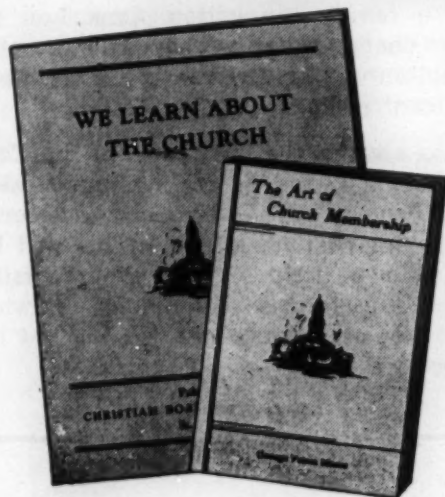
HOOD RIVER: Total added since June 1,—6 by baptism, 3 otherwise. Church planning to participate in "Pentecost Plus" campaign in April. Minister, Donald A. Ross, exchanged pulpits December 14 with Lawrence Porter, Valley Christian, Hood River, in observance of "Women's Day" at the Valley Christian Church. 3 added by baptism, since last report. **PENDLETON:** First Church honored their 48 new members received during the visitation-evangelism campaign by an informal reception December 15. Each new member who was received by baptism was presented with a New Testament. Highlights of the entertainment provided were numbers by the Men's Quartet, readings, marimba solos, double piano duets and group singing of Christmas carols. Each person present was introduced and all new members were taken on a conducted tour through the parsonage which adjoins the church. The 120 members who attended this event expressed much enthusiasm and enjoyment over this fellowship time together. Norrene Thompson, reporter, Hiram Dawson, minister.

SWEET HOME: Averaged 243 in Bible School in November and 325 in the morning service. Planning the dedication of new \$14,000.00 addition to building soon. We are building without debt, paying as we go

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along. 5 added by statement. B. Ross Evans, minister. **COBURG:** Work progressing on new Sunday School unit and it is planned that we will be using it by first of year. Unit includes 5 class rooms, assembly-dining room, kitchen and rest rooms. Labor on building has been donated. Frank Betzer, minister.

EUGENE-ALLISON PARK: Average attendance for Bible school has almost doubled. 5 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Joe Wagnon, minister. **HILLSBORO:** Due to a drive for subscriptions to The Oregon Christian, the church is 100% subscribed to the paper. Would like to urge other churches to follow in this. Church has also entered the "Pentecost Plus" and has set goals in keeping with this program which will advance the entire church life here. Church has accepted Newell Morgan's resignation as minister, but did so with regrets. Our loss will be gain for the churches of the state.

WALLOWA: Church resolved to enter the Pentecost-Plus effort with manifest enthusiasm. Church is host to the CONVENTION ON WHEELS on January 25. No additions since last report but good uplift in interest. O. W. Jones, minister.

OREGON CITY: Roof on new Bible school plant—expect to carry on with volunteer labor through winter. Hope to tear down old building next summer. Morning audiences tax building capacity. Youth work very encouraging. Howard Hutchins, minister. **GLENWOOD:** People are willing to work and there is great opportunity in the area. 1 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. John E. Piper, minister. **PORTLAND-CENTRAL:** 5 added by baptism, 10 otherwise. Church engaged in busy and profitable program under leadership of Donald S. Cox, minister. **McMINNVILLE:** B. Ross Evans 2-week meeting closed with total of 30 responses, including Decision Day. additions reported last month. Elery A. Parrish, pastor, will go to Sweet Home for two week meeting beginning January 18. 3 added by statement since last report.

JEFFERSON: Mrs. Edna L. Burke was guest speaker December 7 for Women's Day. On December 14, Mel Byers was guest speaker. Christmas program was held December 19. Sunday School has purchased a piano for use in Junior Department. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter. **ALBANY:** Bible School averaged 318 per week for Novem-

ber. Average for first 11 months, 1952, was 313. Twice a month church paper, Welcome Guest, now goes out to 465 families at each meeting. 7 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Lester Jones, minister.

NEWPORT: Annual Christmas program given December 23. Offering goes to Beaverton and Turner homes. Board voted to be hosts to Convention on Wheels January 23. Also to participate in the Pentecost Plus Visitation Evangelism campaign. 4 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Wes Goucher, pastor. **SHERIDAN:** Young People's Bible class (high school age) taught by pastor, Frank W. Zook, averaging 20 in attendance. Annual Christmas program put on by Bible School children given December 21. This program is the classic of the year. One added by baptism, 1 otherwise.

ROCKAWAY: Edna L. Burke met with the executives of the Rockaway Christian Women's Group to help formulate plans for work to come. Junior Choir presented evening service of music December 21. John P. Frink, minister.

DALLAS: Have just completed a fine 10-day meeting with William Hart as evangelist. Five added by baptism, 2 by statement. Orville Mick, minister, is to return the favor by holding a meeting in the spring at Bend.

GRANTS PASS: W. C. Piper is closing ministry at Grants Pass to begin at The Dalles, January 4, 1953. **NEWBERG:** First service was held December 14 in a neighboring community, looking toward the establishment of a new church. Service was held by Bruce Hamilton, one of the Newberg elders. This is following up a move recently launched in local elder's meeting. 2 added by statement. J. Frank Cunningham, minister.

THE DALLES: Had many in attendance at Home Coming on November 30. Church is at present in a money raising campaign to raise funds for some of the indebtedness, Ray L. Aplet, former minister, and family incurred during Ray's recent illness and their move to the church in Ukiah, California. Mr. and Mrs. Piper begin here January 4. Arlo B. Bristow, supply minister. **MYRTLE CREEK:** Had a "Birthday for Jesus" as our theme for Sunday School Christmas program. A new Hamond organ was one of the gifts and also new hymn books. 13 added by baptism. Leo Horner, minister.

IONE-COMMUNITY CHURCH: Had the church all newly wired and new light fixtures. Bible School keeping up. 2 added by statement. Olive L. Engelman, reporter. **BEND:** Central Oregon churches at Fifth Sunday Rally voted to support the great new state program calling for \$65,000.00. Took substantial offering for support. 100 additions during 1952. 4 added by baptism, 19 otherwise, since last report. Wm. Henry Hart, pastor.

GLADSTONE: Comprehensive evangelism plan explained by Charles Addleman and a month later by Ross Griffith, N.C.C. Church to decide extent of participation. Minister, Nelson E. Cole, serving on pulpit supply committee of International Convention. Church Front Line in benevolence giving for 3rd straight year. **SISTERS:** Choir and high school young people's work resumed. Good attendance at all services. Watch night service planned for entire church December 31. T. H. Baker, minister.

ASTORIA: C. E. district rally held here November 28. Speakers were Aldis Webb and William Morse. Address of the evening was given by Tom Brownhill who is district attorney here. He spoke on "What Can

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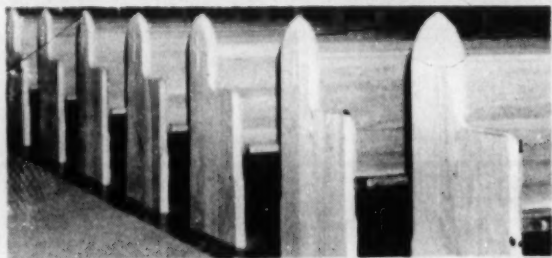
—Ps. 119:105

Christian Youth Do in Law Enforcement?" One added by baptism. Plan to be host to the convention on wheels on January 21. Christmas cantata was given December 21. Albert Kribs, minister. **OAKRIDGE:** Period of visitation evangelism with Gene Chamberlain closed November 23, with 17 added, 5 by primary obedience. On December 14 the special offering for Northwestern Christian Home was over \$106.00. Harry E. Chapin, minister.

CANBY: A new pulpit to the memory of Claude Torgeson, an active member of the congregation who passed away in September, was dedicated Sunday, November 23. The entranceway of the church is nearing completion of a redecorating job by men of church. Ladie's Council recently purchased new electric range for church kitchen. John Runyan, McKinley Indian Mission, spoke at the church, November 30. Minister John J. Stone has been asked to be on the program of the Conference of Evangelism at San Jose Bible College, January 14. Church is looking forward to a meeting with W. W. White beginning February 22.

MADRAS: Bruce and Betty Clark have been with church for 6 months during which time 24 have been added by baptism, 18 by transfer. 26 of the additions were during visitation evangelism campaign led by Ed Dewees. Decision Day was November 9. Two new Sunday School classes have been organized this fall—one for college age and a Ninety and Nine Men's Group. Mrs. David A. Ringer, reporter. **MILTON-FREEWATER:** Results of Bayne Driskill campaign under direction of Ed Eldridge were 136 decisions . . . 4 others have come since campaign and 9 during preparation period. 91 came forward Decision day, November 23 and 38 were baptized into Christ that evening. There have been 85 baptisms to date—several others who plan to be baptized soon. There were 40 transfers. This has completely revitalized the church. Truman Robbins, minister reports the church owes a great debt of gratitude to the consecrated leadership of Ed Eldridge. Each new member is being given a years subscription to The Oregon Christian—a project of the CWF. Eva Marie Johnson, returned missionary from Belgian Congo, spoke and showed colored slides December 14, in observance of Women's Day. Women have purchased electric range for kitchen. Men are replacing worn out plumbing and fixtures in church. Ed Eldridge and N.C.C. quartet,

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participated in New Years Eve program.

SALEM-FIRST: New organ used for first time at Union Thangsgiving service. Mrs. Victor P. Morris spoke to Wednesday evening classes on the "United Nations." Young people had as their guest, Eva Marie Johnson from Africa who also spoke to the three evening groups of the CWF. On Women's Day the women presented a drama, "Go Ye Therefore"—Hattie Mitchell was guest speaker. Men presented evening program during which 3 men from the CWF gave personal testimonies and special music was presented by two choirs—made up of young men and the "Mature" men. Junior Choir now outfitted with new robes. Christmas pageant, "Christmas Shared", presented December 17. 22 added by baptism, 9 otherwise. Dudley Strain and Donald Payne, ministers.

EUGENE-FIRST: Young people again putting on the nativity scene during week of Christmas. Church is attempting to share true spirit of Christmas through the special Christmas offerings, bringing of white gifts, etc. Chi Rho department is raising money to buy a radio as a Christmas gift for the girls at White Swan Indian Christian Mission and a bowling game for the boys there. Boys and girls of Junior department are giving "Care" package for Europe—also a rubber playground ball for Ifumo Mission children. Senior and Junior high groups carolling for "shut-ins" and taking them cookies. 24 added by baptism, 51 otherwise. Carroll Roberts, minister.

REDMOND: Mrs. Hattie Menzies was guest speaker during November. Young people have purchased a move outfit. 3 added by baptism. Dick Merriman, minister—Dorothy Lowrey, reporter.

EUGENE-FAIRMOUNT: Church recently voted to purchase property which was formerly the Alice Marie Home for Children for new building site. One added by baptism, 1 otherwise. H. R. Rickard, ad interim minister. **SALEM-COURT STREET:** Young people again presented the "Living Picture" of the nativity scene the week preceding Christmas. Four added by confession. W. Harold Lyman, minister.

PORTLAND-FIRST: The new fellowship hall (a part of the main building of First Church) was dedicated in appropriate services Wednesday, December 17. The cost of the project including furnishings is in excess of \$35,000. A new pulpit has been given to the church in memory of a former pastor, Dr. Harold H. Griffis. The Christian Youth Fellowship presented the annual outdoor tableau of the manger scene. Many organizations within the church life did generous things for others at Christmas. A large gift for benevolence (N. W. Christian Home), white gifts for White Swan Christian Indian Mission and numerous food baskets for the needy were given. All look forward to International Convention in '53. 5 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Myron C. Cole, minister.

PROSPERITY—When you don't care if the grocer sees you paying cash for gasoline.

CONFERENCE—A group of men who individually can do nothing but as a group, meet and decide that nothing can be done.



STEWARDSHIP SKIT PRESENTED AT DALLAS CHURCH

This original humorous skit was presented at the Dallas Christian Church, Orville Mick, minister, at their October Fellowship Dinner before an audience of about 80. In the picture are, left to right; Mary Jane Nesby, Ike Bartel, Ray Lehr, Leighton Dashiell and Jean Sarff.

Dr. Help U. See and his nurse, Miss E. Ficiency, diagnose the eye troubles of their patients. Mr. Total E. Blind shut his eyes tight when the old church burned 20 years ago and stubbornly refuses to open them for anything. Mr. Blurred Vision can see the needs of foreign missions with one eye and the needs of the home church with his other eye, but can't get the two to focus together enough to do anything about either field. Mrs. Clara Fied Sight has already taken some treatments and can see many areas which need her time, money and talents. After administering large doses of "stewardship" to his patients to cure their lack of vision, the doctor advised that they go to the "Great Physician" for further treatment.



THE LIVING PICTURE

"The Living Picture," an outside portrayal of the Nativity scene was again portrayed by approximately 50 of the young people of the Salem Court Street Church. The Picture was presented three times nightly for the four evenings prior to Christmas. In the above picture, Patricia Fagg is Mary; Phil Thompson, Joseph; and Duane Smith, the Inn Keeper.

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